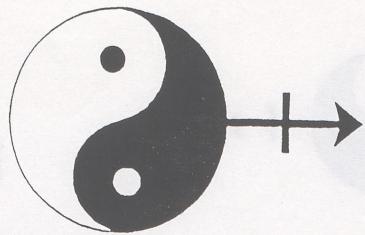


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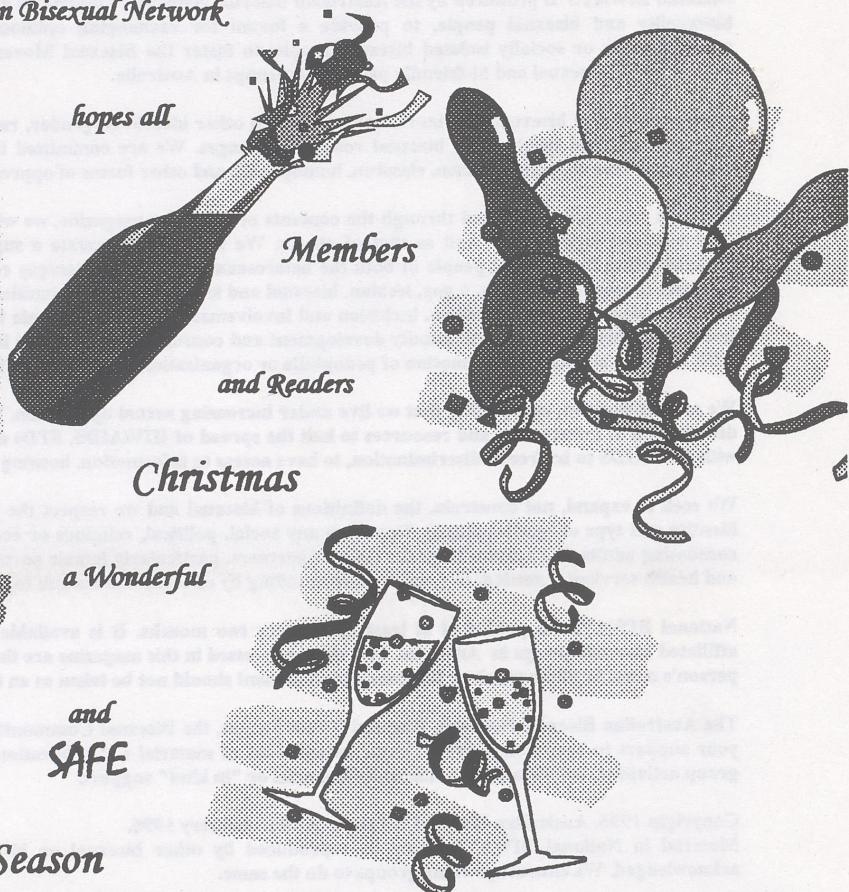
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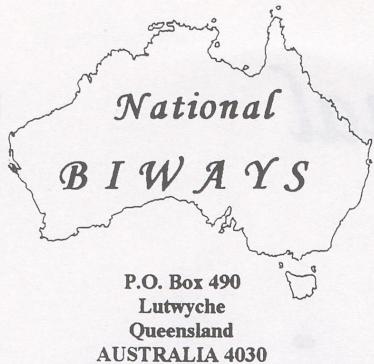
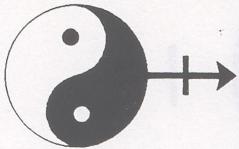


The Australian Bisexual Network



New Year and Holiday Season

In this Issue:- Editorial Comment. Review of 1995. Vote Pride 96.
Bi Visibility Day is Feb. 14th. Bi Women in Focus. Another Look at Beijing & Beyond.
The Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival. IBIS '96 Program.
News From the Internet. Movie Review. Bi Personals. plus what's on & coming up.
Included with this issue are the IBIS Registration Form & our new & updated Brochures.



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that National BIWAYS will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We supports the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another issue of National Biways. ABN would like to wish you and your partner or family greetings and the very best for 1996. We would like to extend a special welcome to new members and readers. Sorry for the late issue, holidays and the Summer flu.

Here it is January 1996 and ABN is still without a home. We first faxed an urgent appeal for emergency funding to the Federal Health Minister, Dr. Carmen Lawrence, back on August 8th 1995. Two subsequent letters and several phone calls, and ABN still does not have a written response for her or her office. It is no wonder that voters are somewhat disillusioned with Labor. But she has not been the only one not to respond to our letters. ABN asked several organisations for letters of support but there appears to have been no response. One must question what sort of politics comes into play when a bisexual organisation seeks the support of bodies such as the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO), the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON) and the Queensland AIDS Council and receives no support.

ABN has received continued support from Queensland Senators, Margaret Renyolds (ALP), John Woodley and Cheryl Kernot (Aust. Dem.) and Federal MP's Wayne Swan and Arch Bevis (ALP) along with Councillors and staff of the Brisbane City Council. NSW Health Minister was interested but many other politicians from the state and federal ranks of the ALP and Democrats in Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas, SA, and WA and NSW Independent Clover Moore could not be bothered replying to ABN's appeal for support to gain funding for a new Centre.

On a lighter note but just as important is the International Bisexual Symposium to be held in Berlin, Germany from the 24th to 27th May 1996. Wayne Roberts will be attending at his own expense, but ABN is keen to have more Australian representation at the Conference. If you are planning on making the trip over, do let ABN know. ABN is however endeavouring to secure so funds, sponsorship and donations to at least send a bisexual woman to Berlin, and ideally we would like two women and another guy to attend. So if you are interested in representing us in Berlin, have free time in May, then give us a call and register. If you are not interested in going then perhaps you are prepared to help someone else attend by making a donation to ABN for that express purpose.

Your story is still required for the Down Under Project. DEADLINE for next Biways is Jan 31st and the theme is BISEXUAL DIVERSITY, do contribute.

MEMBERSHIP

ABN is a national organisation and to seek national support and funding we need not only the support of members but all the other Bisexual people that make contact with ABN. If every bi person that contacts ABN by mail or telephone was to join ABN we would have a membership of many hundreds of women and men and a powerful lobbying tool for seeking national support and funding. While ABN has over 600 names with addresses and/or phone numbers of bisexual men and women who have contacted us, our current financial membership as of January 1996 is 117 of which 29 have been sent renewal notices and an additional 20 members whose renewal was due Aug/Sep have been sent final notices.

Of the 117, 44 are women, 3 are transsexuals, 61 are men and 9 are organisations or services. The 117 includes 7 couple memberships (14 members) and 3 overseas memberships. In addition complimentary membership is given to another 4 overseas persons.

National Biways is sent to 16 Bi and Bi-inclusive groups in Australia, Aotearoa - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, UK, Germany, Belgium, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Around 500 Biways are produced and distributed in Australia each issue.

To our members, your continued support is greatly appreciated and to those who are up for membership renewal, we ask you to join up for another year as we need your ongoing support.

If you are a new reader of National Biways, please consider joining ABN as a financial member. You may feel you do not need to become a member of the Australian Bisexual Network, to get involved at even that level but ABN needs you. To receive the respect and recognition of both government & community agencies we need to show we have the support and backing of a diverse Bisexual Community from across the country. For just \$20 a year or \$15 if you are a student, unemployed or on a pension, you can become a full member of ABN and receive National Biways. Couples can join for \$20 and organisations for \$25. At the same time you are helping ABN secure funding and provide services to the Bisexual Community throughout Australia.

Our new ABN brochure with membership form has been included with this issue of National Biways. We invite you to fill it out & send it in or pass it on to other bisexual friends and encourage them to join..

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Bi Women in Focus

New Brochure for Bisexual Women.

ABN has produced a brochure titled, Women, Bisexuality and Sexual Health. The brochure was released at the NSW HIV/AIDS Health Promotion Conference in Sydney in early November. All women on our mailing list should have already received a copy with the last Biways or through the mail. Media releases were sent out to the queer press, some newspapers and women's magazines. From articles in the queer newspapers, ABN has received a considerable number of requests for the brochure from women and women's services particularly in NSW and Victoria but also from Queensland, South Australia, and Northern Territory. While the artwork on the brochure is from MS Publishing and somewhat conservative, it is the best we could do at the time considering we are not funded.

The brochure is available in three versions, one with information, groups and resources for Australian women, one for international use and one that has this area at the back blank for a specific group's details. Several have already been forwarded to overseas women and groups. Individuals and groups are free to photocopy and distribute the brochure though a donation to ABN is always welcome.

In the Brisbane Area.

BiFem the bisexual women's group has already been active this year with a Picnic at Bribie Island on January 9th and a night out clubbing in Brisbane on the 13th. Their Christmas BBQ in December had a surprise visitor, a funny looking Santa wearing a Bisexual Pride shirt who handed out Dams, condoms and lube to the party revellers.

The group has several planned social activities over the coming weeks. BiFem will be meeting for lunch or coffee and a chat at the Three Monkeys Coffee and Tea House at West End from 1.30pm on January 20th. On January 27th BiFem goes to the Relands Shire, for a 4pm BBQ at Capalaba. February 3rd sees the group venture out for a night of clubbing and on February 17th BiFem does a pub crawl for an afternoon of sampling the ales or fruit juices and maybe some pool challenges along the way.

If you are interested in any of the BiFem activities then call ABN for further details on 07-38572500. You can also catch up with BiFem members at ABN meetings at Cafe Babylon on Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st from 7pm.

On the Sunshine Coast.

WomBi the bisexual women's group on the Sunshine Coast has been quiet over the holiday period but Kim has informed National Biways that activities are in the pipeline and a newsheet is planned to keep Coast women informed of group events and other news. To get in touch with WomBi call ABN on 07-38572500 or 1800-653223.

In Melbourne.

Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne (BAM) has established a Women's Discussion Group which is a safe, confidential and non-judgmental space for women to discuss issues around bisexuality. The women's group is open to all women but exists primarily to discuss issues of relevance to bisexual women. Topics of discussion may include bisexual identities, coming out, relationship negotiations, monogamy - non monogamy, being a bisexual mother, Bisexual feminism, resources, safer sex, is there a bisexual look or should there be.

Discussion groups are held each month usually in Fitzroy. Beky, Beth and Lee-Ann co-ordinate events, one of whom will always be present. For details of location and times, information can be obtained by calling BAM on (03) 98770244 Mon & Tue nights.

From San Francisco, USA.

The lastest issue of the Bay Area Bisexual Network's magazine, Anything That Moves, contains some great articles, stories, book reviews by or about bisexual women. Latina Women, Asian & Pacific Islander Kweer Women in the USA, Large Women, Transgender Women, Bisexual Erotica, Bi Theories and Queer (Biphobic) Conferences, are some are the areas discussed in ATM's Issue #9 by some notable USA Bi women such as Laura Perez, Carol Queen, Jill Nagle and UK import, Clare Hemmings. ATM can be read at ABN meetings or borrowed as we have two copies. For members outside Brisbane send a large SAE, your phone number and you can read it at home for 2 weeks max.

See the article on Bi women at Beijing by Kirsten L. Isgro. Permission to reproduce was obtained from the author and the Boston Bisexual Women's Network.

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

WOODY POINT, REDCLIFFE, QLD.

Rental accomodation is available in large house close to Woody Point foreshore for 2-3 women. Full use of 1st floor level, three bedrooms, all facilities, rent \$150 per week, owner lives ground floor.

For more information call Frank on 015-123565.

Camp Sister Spirit Still Needs Your Help

Camp Sister Spirit, Brenda and Wanda Henson's feminist and lesbian retreat in Ovett, Mississippi, is still facing legal troubles and harrassment from a group called Mississippi for Family Values and from local "militia" groups. Donations are always welcome, as are visitors (rates vary from \$7-\$20 for accomodations; men as well as women are welcome). Upcoming events include a Winter Solstice Gathering on December 22, a Valentine's Dinner in February, 1996, and a Lesbian/Bi/Trans Studies course in January and February, 1996. You can contact them at Camp Sister Spirit, P.O. Box 12, Ovett, MS 39464 or call (601) 344-1411 for reservations.

Beijing And Beyond: Thinking About Bisexuality on a Large Scale

by Kirsten L. Isgro

The last five months for me as a bisexual activist have been invigorating! In July, as one of the BiNet's northeast regional representatives, I attended the annual BiNet USA meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the end of August I went to the United Nations' Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum on Women in China, where I met some amazing bi women. And the last weekend of October, the Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights had their third annual conference, where the Vermont Bisexual Network had a strong presence. Needless to say, I have had lots to think about in terms of community organizing and what it means to be bisexual. The following are some of my thoughts and experiences:

The BiNet's sixth annual meeting was my first national bi event. Committees were formed, ideas were discussed, national coordinators were appointed (including Stephanie Berger, who just recently left Boston for San Francisco), and many new people were met. As someone from a rural state, it was often frustrating to try to figure out how I could go back to Vermont and really start organizing when so much discussion revolved around urban areas. Community organizing really does look different in the country, and it means thinking more carefully about transportation, relationships, geographic distance, and people's sense of isolation. What may work in Boston, San Francisco, Minneapolis or Washington, D.C., will not work in areas where people have to drive across mountains for at least an hour for a social gathering.

This is not to say that bisexuals in cities don't

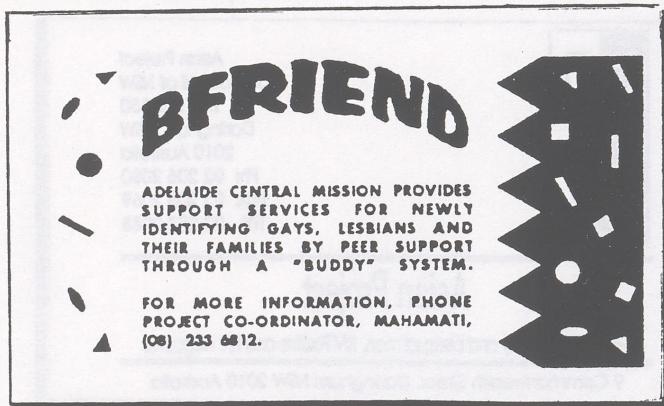
feel isolated. In fact, at the July meeting, time was set aside for separate men's and women's discussions about leadership within the bi movement. This was a very powerful part of the weekend for me, because it gave all of us an opportunity to hear and think about how women often work alone. As Stephanie said, it gave us the 'permission' to acknowledge the difficulties we face as women leaders.

One month later, I was in China as one of 35,000 other people attending the NGO Forum on Women. The goal of the NGO Forum was to "bring together women and men to challenge, create and transform global structures and processes at all levels through the empowerment and celebration of women." My two weeks in China were overwhelming and inspiring, and the stories I have are endless.

Although I did not go to the Fourth World Conference on Women as a bisexual first and foremost, I did have the fabulous experience of meeting other bi women from around the world. There were over 5,000 workshops on women, one of which was "Bisexual Women and Allies" that was held at the Lesbian tent. Over 30 women came to this workshop, from which a smaller group decided to meet for the remainder of the conference. Usually about six to eight women met at noon and talked about our personal experiences and feelings. Women were from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Canada and the United States. There were many common themes that we discussed throughout the week. For many of us, we strive to be closer to people regardless of gender, whether such intimacy is sexual or not. Although we believe this is a strength, we often feel as if we are forced to "choose" to be sexually close with men or women, which may be confining or confusing to us.

The topic of sexual orientation was not included in the final draft of the United Nation's Platform for Action. However, women-loving-women from all over the world gathered in unprecedented numbers at the conference and demanded that women have the "freedom to determine one's own sexuality as an inalienable human right." A four-point document was created and available at the lesbian tent, demanding that "the concerns of lesbians and bisexual women be addressed in the formulation and implementation of all programs and policies which result

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from the Platform for Action." I was pleased to see "bisexual" included in the draft, and I was excited that I was able to meet other bisexual women at the lesbian tent throughout the conference.

The most recent big event for me was the Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (VCLGR) conference in Montpelier. The Vermont BiNet had our first annual meeting, where we came up with an action plan for the next year. In addition to getting more people on our mailing list, we planned a potluck on December 10 and a more organized and visible bi presence at the June Pride Day parade.

There were visible bisexuals who led workshops throughout the conference. At one of the workshops, over 20 people got together to talk about the need for a separate bisexual sociopolitical identity, particularly as it relates to our personal lives. Throughout the day, the reception of Vermont BiNet was very welcoming, and I am personally very grateful to the VCLGR's inclusion of bisexual and transgender people at the annual conference. On a very local level, I am very excited to see an active bisexual community growing in Vermont.

Ultimately, I believe the most successful organizing, educating, and connecting with people is done on a one-to-one basis. This means that social change may come more slowly than we sometimes desire. However, making friends and liking and respecting the people we meet and work with is the heart of good organizing. And I have seen a lot of good networking in the past five months! The people who attended the BiNet USA meeting in July, the NGO Forum on Women this fall, and the Vermont BiNet workshops and meeting in October are those individuals who are working on a grassroots level to move toward world-wide change and understanding.

For more information about BiNet USA or Vermont BiNet, please contact Kirsten at (802) 658-9554.

The Vermont Bisexual Network will have a potluck in Montpelier on Sunday, December 10. Call Terri for more information at (802) 223-3475.

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Burlington, VT 05402-8124

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The women-loving-women who attended the NGO Forum issued the following:

We demand action!

Women-loving-women from all over the world, gathered together in unprecedented numbers at the NGO Forum on Women 1995, call on the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women to:

Recognize the freedom to determine one's sexuality as an inalienable human right and a necessary precondition for equality, development and peace.

Recognize and integrate the needs and concerns of women of all sexual orientations throughout the Platform for Action.

Direct governmental, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations to address the concerns of lesbians and bisexual women in the formulation and implementation of all programs and policies which result from the Platform for Action.

Make this a Conference of Commitments, with a concrete plan of action to guarantee for all women the full exercise of their civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights.

We represent many countries, including:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand/Australia, Norway, Panama, Peru, Phillipines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Suriname, Thailand, United States/Azlan, Uruguay, Yugoslavia

If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work.
Hello, can't work today, still queer."

—Comic Robin Tyler

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Brochures and Posters can be obtained from the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON) by calling (02) 206 2000.

Sisters

Sisters is a new booklet produced for young women by believe it or not, the Young Women's Christian Association, the YWCA of Aotearoa - New Zealand with the assistance of the Public Health Commission and help from a diverse range of organisations and young women.

Sisters addresses openly such issues as sexuality,, relationships, celibacy and masturbation, sex, HIV & STDs, condoms and dental dams, contraception and sexual abuse. It lists a range of support services and some good books to read.

In the section on Your Sexuality it states: - Part of your sexuality is your sexual orientation and identity. Learning about your sexuality is a time for and discovering you. The following is an intro to the main types of sexual identity: heterosexual, lesbian and bisexual.

There is a full page dedicated to BISEXUAL and it is supportive, positive and empowering. There are quotes from two 17 year old Bi women and information on safer sex with another woman or a guy. Its great.

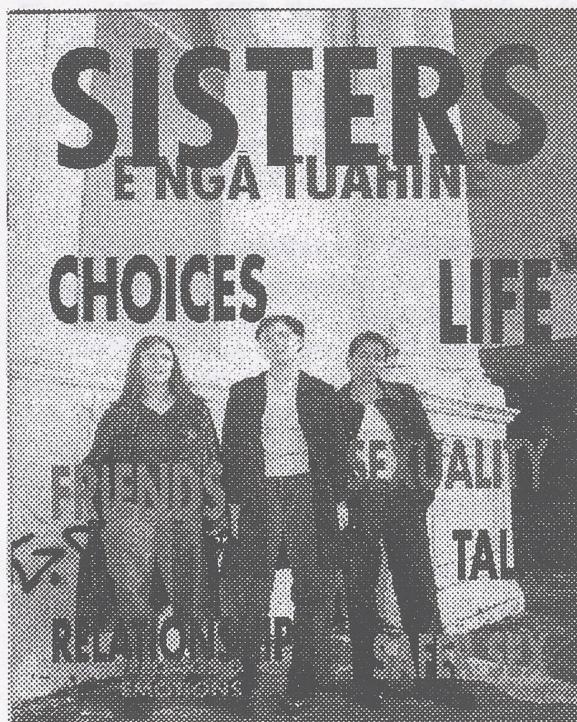
NEW RESOURCE RELEASED IN NSW.

The AIDS Council of New South Wales has released a new brochure and poster addressing the issue for opposite sex couples of when to stop using condoms if they should at all. The brochure is primarily for straight women but is appropriate for bisexual women and heterosexual and bisexual men.

The brochure examines issues such as relationships, honesty, sex, agreements, change, questions and communication. On the back are listed organisations that will be able to provide counsellors who you can talk to about relationships issues, HIV and sexual health.

One question put forward for women to think about is — "What if the other person is not another woman?" — and goes on to state, — Some men who are married or in a committed heterosexual relationship may also have sex with men.

This brochure is a valuable addition to resources available for women and comes at a time when there has been a rise in new HIV infections in women.



Copies of the booklet, Sisters can be obtained from the National YWCA of Aotearoa - NZ, PO Box 9315, Wellington, Aotearoa / New Zealand or by fax from Australia by calling 0015-64-4-384 3301

Mardi Gras

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Conferencing

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Yes, that time of the year has come round again. The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival commences on February 2nd for a month long celebration of lesbian and gay culture and pride. Tangled up in there is of course bisexual, transgender and Queer/Kweer cultures and pride though it is not something openly spoken about around Oxford Street.

Once again the Sydney Bisexual Support Network (SBSN) will be participating with a stall at the Fair Day on Feb 11th and a float in the Parade. The Canberra Region Bisexual Network has also been planning for the Parade this year. ABN will again march with its banner so if you are heading for Sydney then why not join us in the Parade on March 2nd. Some Bis from Melbourne and Adelaide will be there so lets make it a real Bi family affair. To find out more about the SBSN activities call Mik on 018-966692. To join in with ABN or the other Bi groups call ABN on Brisbane 07-38572500 or 1800-653223 or Jenneth (03) 93069869.

A guide to the 1996 Sydney Gay & Lesbian mardi Gras Festival has been included in this issue or ring the Mardi Gras Infoline on 1900-957800.

Representing Sexualities Conference.

This conference was held at the University of Sydney on December 8-9-10th. It was organised by the Women's Studies Centre and the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research and billed as a major conference. Keynote speaker was Elspeth Probyn from University of Montreal and now Director of Women's Studies at University of Sydney. The topics in the info booklet looked quite impressive, Feminism & Identity Politics, Queer Theory and Law, Policy & Sexuality. Registration was \$120, \$60 conc. As with many conferences on Sexuality and Queer Identities, ABN finds little mention of bisexuality or bisexual identity and politics. From comments made by ABN members, Cath and Myke who attended Representing Sexualities there was no representing bisexuality content, no bisexual speakers, even bisexual was omitted from Queer which is being used more frequently in gay and lesbian circles as another narrow monosexual term. Try and debate this and feel the daggers fly and the backs get turned on you. Yoh!! For Bi Inclusiveness.

NSW's First Rural HIV/AIDS Conference.

This conference will be held in Dubbo, NSW from March 28 to 30th 1996. It is expected to draw around 300 people and will be a focal point for networking, organising, learning, lobbying and coalition and community building. There will be a Conference Dinner and a Gay & Lesbian Dance and a meeting is planned of gay and lesbian social/support groups in rural NSW. There appears to no Bisexual specific content in the Conference but for any bisexuals attending it will be a good chance to raise visibility of rural bisexuals and their issues and network with other rural groups. More information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Tony Westmore on mobile 041 9256 339 or from any branch of ACON.

NSW HIV/AIDS Health Promotion Conference.

This conference took place at Potts Point in Sydney on November 8 to 10th. Wayne attended to represent ABN and bisexual people's interests. Several key speakers presented papers on their research studies of "men who have sex with men" and non-gay identifying men who have sex with men. QAC Education Manager spoke on their Regional Response AIDS Project, RRAP which now takes in centres from Cairns to Mt Isa and through to Nth. NSW. It was funny that Wayne had to go to Sydney to find out what the Queensland AIDS Council is doing in Queensland with men who have sex with men, many who identify as bisexual according to the presentation. It appears RRAP wants no contact or input from ABN.

Professor Carlos Caceres from Peru spoke on Representations of Male Bisexuality in Peru and current HIV prevention. He has since sent a copy of his paper to ABN. Wayne also spoke again with Indonesian activist, Dede Oetomo, national co-ordinator of Gaya Nusantara. Dede was given ABN and Bi info to go in their national news magazine. The conference was a valuable opportunity to network further with local, national and international group representatives and researchers. ABN's new Bi women's brochure was released at the conference and copies of it were snapped up by conference delegates.

International Bisexual Symposium.

This will be held in Berlin, Germany from May 24 to 27th 1996. Wayne has committed himself to presenting a workshop and participating in several other presentations and workshops. The preliminary program is produced in this Biways and a registration form has been enclosed. More information is available from the Australian Bisexual Network and sponsorships and donations are now needed so that ABN can send at least a Bisexual woman to Berlin and possibly two women and another bisexual guy besides Wayne who is meeting his own expenses to attend. Please help if you can. Group donations are also welcome.

ABN's 1995 -- Year In Review.

January - ABN / QBN open the new Bisexual Community Centre at New Farm, Brisbane. 1800 free call facility extended nationally. Launch of Bisexuality & Alcohol & Drug Harm Reduction Project.

March - ABN marches in Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.

May - Funding for computer & office equipment received from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund of Qld.

June - ABN youth officer, Myke Dobber attends Sexuality & Youth Forum in Melbourne. ABN makes donations to the Australian Council for Lesbian & Gay Rights \$100 and the Gay & Lesbian Memorial Project \$50. ABN co-convenor, Wayne Roberts attends ILGA World Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, participates in Parade with ABN Banner and does media interviews in Rio and Buenos Aires, Argentina followed by visits to UK rep, Julian, London and Edinburgh Bisexual Groups.

July - ABN youth officers Myke and Sabina Nowak attend Queer Collaborations Conference in Melbourne with Sabina also attending NOWSA Conference.

August - ABN lobbies state & federal government departments, ministers & politicians for support & funding for new Bi Centre. ABN conducts 1st national phone to report violence & discrimination against bisexuals & issues national media release.

September - ABN's new Bi women's group forms in Brisbane. ABN vacates New Farm address on Sept. 24th without securing funding for new centre. ABN rep attends Sydney Conference on Emerging Gay & Lesbian Communities in Australia & Asia.

October - ABN sets up new phone line at private residence to continue service to Bi community. ABN's Wayne Roberts speaks at the National Conference on Violence Against Gays & Lesbians in Sydney about violence against bisexual people & their partners.

November - ABN releases a new brochure, Women Bisexuality & Sexual Health at the NSW HIV/AIDS Health Promotion Conference in Sydney followed by a national media release about the brochure & issues faced by Bi women.

December - ABN reps, Cath Lawrence & Myke attend Representing Sexualities Conference in Sydney.

January 1996 - ABN promotes International Bisexual Symposium, Berlin May 24-27 and seeks sponsorship & donations to send Australian Bi reps to Berlin.

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The Down Under Project

The Australian Bisexual Network proposed the Down Under Project back in October 1993. The aim of the Project was to invite submissions of personal stories, histories, poetry, drawings and the like which would form Australasia's first bisexual anthology. Publication of material received to date was put on hold because it was felt more personal stories were required, lack of time and resources to collate the material and uncertainty over costs of self publishing. ABN is pleased to announce that Cath Lawrence, ABN member of Sydney has volunteered to fill the position of editor.

Further submissions from bisexual women and men, their partners, parents or siblings who reside or resided in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island or the South Pacific, will be accepted. Bisexual Groups are also encouraged to submit articles about their formation, history, campaigns or submit photographs from social and political events. We require personal stories from bisexual people that also reflect the diversity of our bisexuality, cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds, relationships, age, acceptance etc. Items can be of any length but large pieces of work may be edited down to a manageable size for publishing. Real or pen names can be used for the published work but so that we can follow up any editing queries your name, and a contact address must be submitted with your work. All authors whose work is accepted for publication will receive a copy of the finished publication.

Material for the Down Under Project should be sent to:-

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TRIPLE MURDER SHOCKS LGB COMMUNITY IN USA.

From: biact-l

Subject: Follow-up -- SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

Date: Wednesday, 13 December 1995

On Wed, 13 Dec 1995, Alan Brown (by way of jessea@uclink2.berkeley.edu Jessea NR Greenman) wrote:

> Please help spread this information

> RE: DOUBLE SLAYING OF ROXIE ELLIS AND MICHELLE ABDILL IN MEDFORD OREGON

> 12/12/95 1800 hours from police message line: 541/770-4779

> A suspect has been identified:

Just so y'all know ...

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) -- A 27-year-old man is awaiting extradition to Oregon where he is wanted in the slayings of two lesbian activists. Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill were found Dec. 7 bound, gagged and shot in the back of their pickup truck. Robert James Acremant was taken into custody at a motel in north Stockton, police said. He was booked into San Joaquin County Jail pending extradition.

Bearpaw "Eye on the News" MacDonald

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"You can believe anything you want. The universe is not obliged to keep a straight face."—Solomon Short

Subject: Follow-up on SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

Date: Thursday, 14 December 1995

I'm having some trouble believing the following, but I thought I'd pass it along ...

Subject: Man Arrested In Lesbian Slay

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) -- A SWAT team converged on a motel Wednesday and arrested a 27-year-old man in the slaying of two lesbian activists found bound, gagged and shot in the back of their pickup truck in Oregon.

His father, Kenneth Acremant of Stockton told The Associated Press on Wednesday that police told him his son admitted to killing the women and his missing friend, Scott George. Acremant said that during a prison visit, his son told him he killed George, 23, out of anger and that he killed the women in a botched attempt to get enough money to flee the country. He said his son had quit a steady job to market a computer program, began running out of money and then his girlfriend ended their relationship.

"He wasn't brought up this way," the elder Acremant said. "Something happened to him and he cracked."

Medford Police Chief Ray Shipley refused to discuss the evidence against Acremant or a motive for the slayings last week of Ellis, 53, and Abdill, 42. The couple had spoken out against efforts to limit homosexual rights in Oregon, and their murders sent a shiver of fear through the gay community. John Bondurant, chief deputy district attorney in Oregon's Jackson County, said authorities weren't ruling out any possible motive for the slayings. However, "Nothing in the evidence we have indicates Mr. Acremant knew either of these women were lesbians," he said.

Acremant knew Ellis through a property management agency the women ran. He had been shown the apartment where the women disappeared two weeks prior to the killings. In Visalia, the central California city where Acremant used to live, police said he had been questioned in the October disappearance of George.

"My son went out with George one night drinking and somewhere after drinking they were driving and my son had a gun in his car and he pulled the gun out and shot him," Kenneth Acremant said. "He said he just felt this anger to kill and he just did it."

The younger Acremant has no criminal record in California, Visalia police Sgt. James German said.

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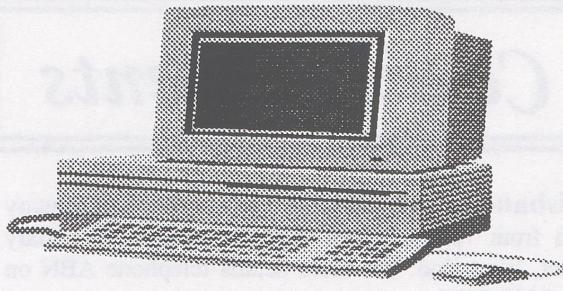
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"[B]efore you explode in fury you might look to see if you know your facts or if you merely know your phrases." - Z.N. Hurston

From the Internet



From: BIACT-L

Subject: More on the Medford killings

Date: Saturday, 23 December 1995

New word is coming down about the guy who was killed by Robert Acremant. Lt. Tom Lavine of the Medford Police Department has said that Scott George, 23, was the son of Acremant's mother's boyfriend and that he might have been bisexual. (Acremant was arrested for the abduction & murder of lesbian rights activists, Roxanne Ellis & Michele Abdill.)

In an article in the December 17 issue of the San Francisco Examiner, Acremant said, "I don't care for lesbians. Bisexual women don't bother me a bit." Apparently bisexual men did. Last I heard police had found George's body in a Calaveras County mine shaft. He had disappeared after Oct. 3rd.

Now some problems are surfacing as far as Acremant's motives for the crime. He has recently said that he's been lying since he first started interviewing with the press. He's supposedly waiting to sell his story before he tells the truth because he knows that he'll lose the spotlight if he talks now.

Does anyone have any information on the woman he took hostage in Las Vegas? Also has anyone seen any interviews with Acremant's stripper ex-girlfriend? If so, where can I find it?

Thanks-

Adam Wills

Portland Bisexual Alliance

Subject: Looking For Friends (Bi) From Australia

Date: Tuesday, December 26th, 1995.

Hi Wayne,

Read your posting on the net.

I'm a Malaysian, 46 yo married and my sexual inclinations... straight /gay/bi/kinky, I really don't know.

Heard so much about gay/guy/anal/oral sex, BDSM, spanking, bondage etc etc etc. Never tried any of these before and would really like to give it a try.. but how ? Always fantasize doing the above with same age, gay/bi men/older than I am. Rather horny at times... when I start to think of the above. maybe you can help to connect me and link me up with anybody

interested to teach and show me new experiences.

The nearest I got to men was whenever I go get my haircut(and I always go to men barbers...same age/older than i am). The feel of their hands on my head and also the feel of their scissors cutting my hair.... ooooooh it gives me a hard - on throughout the haircut. And sometimes I just come.

Awaiting your reply

Regards,

WG

(If you would like to correspond by e-mail or post with WG who lives in Malucca, Malaysia, then send your e-mail or postal address to ABN and Wayne will pass it on to WG.)

Coming Events

Brisbane ABN, monthly social meeting, January 17th from 7pm Upstairs at Cafe Babylon, Boundary Street, West End. For more details telephone ABN on 07 - 3857 2500.

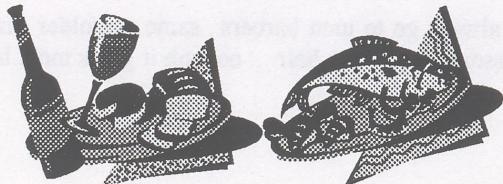


Brisbane BiFem are holding a discussion afternoon for bisexual women over coffee at the Three Monkeys Coffee & Tea House, West End on Saturday January 20th from 1.30pm. For more details call ABN on 07-38572500.

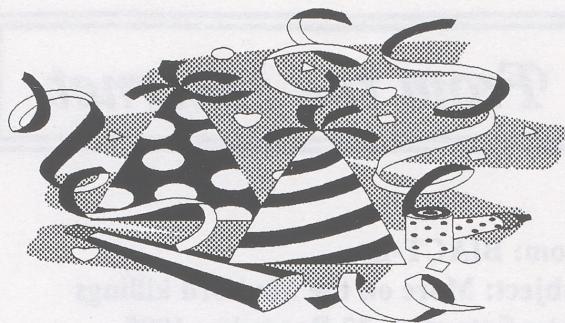


Sydney SBSN night at the movies on January 24th to see Nadja - a luscious vampire film by David Lynch at the Valhalla. Cost is \$6 and for session time ring SBSN infoline on 0055-25926 during the week before.

Brisbane BiFem will be having a BBQ at a private residence at Capalaba in the Redland Shire on January 27th. Ladies please call ABN on 07-38572500 for location details and other BiFem events.



Sydney SBSN night out on January 27th to see "Live Acts On Stage" - a play by Michael Gow at the Stables Theatre, 10 nimrod Street, Kings Cross at 8pm. Tickets are \$30 / \$25 conc. Please call Leon before January 22nd on (02) 6602674 if interested.



Melbourne - Midsumma 96 Melbourne's gay & lesbian festival - January 20th Opening Street Party, January 27th Red Raw Dance Party, February 4th Pride & Ride at Luna Park, February 11th Midsumma Carnival. More info contact (03) 95254746.

Sydney - Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival commences February 2nd, Fair Day on February 11th and Parade & Party on March 2nd. For more info see program this issue or call 1900-957800.

Brisbane BiFem are going out clubbing on February 3rd. Ladies will meet at Kelly's place for cocktails before going heading off to a nightclub. More info from ABN on (07) 38572500.

Sydney SBSN Coming Out Picnic February 3rd - discussion and sharing. For details contact SBSN infoline on 0055-25926 or Mik on mobile 018-966692.

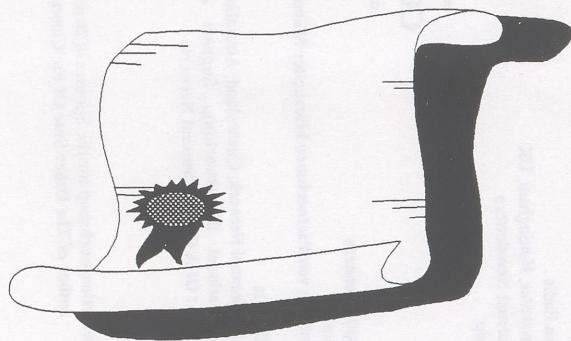
Canberra CRBN coffee, cake & chat should be on February 5th at Mosaics Brasserie, Braddon at 8pm but please check first by calling Roger (06) 2474234 or Clare (06) 2476538.

Brisbane ABN will be having a Northern Suburbs Coffee & Chat Night on Thursday, February 8th from 7:30pm to 9pm at the Scalded Cat Cafe, 201 Stafford Road, Stafford. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can reserve tables and chairs by calling ABN on 07-38572500.





Sydney SBSN monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 12th. For details on meetings only call Linda on 02-5509625 or call SBSN Info Line on 0055-25926.



International Bisexuality Visibility Day is February 14th and to celebrate this day ABN will be initiating the **Australian Bisexual Community Advancement Awards**. Awards will be awarded to bisexual people and other supporters of the Bisexual Community for each state. ABN calls on individuals and regional bisexual networks and groups to nominate people or organisations for awards. It is hoped that each state group or network will then organise an event where these Awards can be presented. Media coverage of the Award presentations would be desirable. Nominations and further information contact ABN at PO Box 490 Lutwyche Q 4030 or call 07-38572500. Check up prior to the 14th for details on the presentation day / evening and come and support this event in your State.



DATE : Saturday 10th Feb. 1996
TIME: 7.00pm till 1.00am

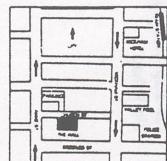
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Brisbane ABN Bi Guys Pub Crawl on February 17th around Brisbane and meet up with BiFem for a pool competition. For details please call ABN on 07-38572500.

Brisbane ABN / QBN monthly social meeting will be held upstairs at Cafe Babylon, Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane from 7pm on Wednesday, February 21st. All welcome. Details from (07) 38572500.

Sydney - Mardi Gras Parade & Party March 3rd. Come and join ABN, SBSN, CRBN, BAM and ABC members and friends in the Parade or offer SBSN help with their Float construction. Contact Mik on 018-966692.

Brisbane ABN Bisexual Youth Group for bi guys and girls under 26 will be held on March 16th at a time and place to be announced for details please contact ABN on 07-38572500.

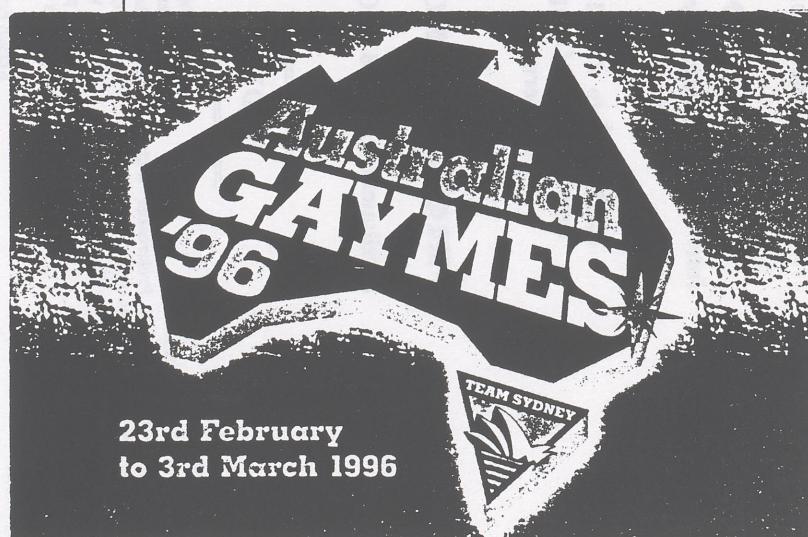
Adelaide ABC contact Sabina on 08-3449241 for information on activities of Adelaide Bisexual Collective..

Hobart Bisexual Support Network for info contact Myke on 002-729027.

Sunshine Coast - WomBi, Bisexual women's group for info contact ABN on 07-38572500.

Rockhampton Bisexual Group for info contact Dolour on 079-277369.

Melbourne BAM - for information on social events call Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne on (03) 98770244 on Mon & Tue nights.



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Fritz Klein, Ph.D.

Psychiatrist & Autor, San Diego

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workshop

Sher Lynesther

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123 Experiencing intimacy: connecting body to soul
Workshop

Dunja Alwan- Artist, Jamaica Plain / USA
S.E. Bachman

Art Teacher, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
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Arzt, Berlin

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Hans Bruns-Pothoff
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Ann Kolowski
Center For Women's Studies, Univ. of York
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Paper

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Greg Davidson, Jan Hansen San Diego
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Haydar Karatepe
Arzt, Frankfurt / M
113 Bisexual Turkish Immigrants -
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Piotr Brodacki
Warsaw, Poland
101 On The Situation of Bisexuals, Gays & Lesbians
in Poland
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Corinna Gekeler
Stichting Multisexualiteit, Amsterdam
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Monika Lutzhoefn Hamburg
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Petra Schmitt
Dozentin, Visselhøvde
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wagen wir?
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Publizist, Hamburg, Germany
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UK Newsletter, Nottingham, UK
122 Bisexual Newsletters
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Uni Bremen
111 Beratung von Partnerinnen bisexueller Maenner

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Australian Bisexual Network, Queensland, Australia
125 International Bi-Networking, Support AND
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workshop

Liz Highleyman
San Francisco, USA
124 The various strains that make up the bisexual
community.
presentation

Alison Rowan
Bisexual Resource Center, Edinburgh, UK
137 The Bisexual Movement in Great Britain.
workshop

A presentation/workshop for the Spouses of Bisexual Men and Women is being planned by Amity Pierce Buxton,
author of *The Other Side Of The Closet: The coming-out crisis for straight spouses & families*.

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Tanne de Goei
HIV Vereniging Nederland, Amsterdam
102 Bisexuality And AIDS
workshop

Corinna Gekeler
Stichting Multisexualiteit , Amsterdam
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Eyal Friedlaender
Israel Aids Task Force, Tel Aviv, Israel
109 Bisexual Palestinians Living In Israel With
Special Regard To HIV/AIDS

Lani Ka'ahumanu
San Francisco, USA
112 Covering Our Basics: Safer Sex For Women
A hot, highly visual vanilla how-to hands-on safer sex
workshop for women.

Lani Ka'ahumanu San Francisco
150 SAFER SEX / HIV is a many genered thing.
A highly informative, hands-on workshop,
demonstration and role modeling. All information to
all people. Leave attitudes at the door.

Dr. Dr. Wolfgang Mueller
Bundeszentrale fuer gesundheitliche Aufklaerung
153 Praevention bei Maennern, die mit Maennern
Sex haben, jedoch nicht schwul identifiziert sind.
paper

Bisexuality & HIV/AIDS Educators Forum.
A workshop is planned for HIV/AIDS Educators who
work with Bisexual people & their partners, to share
information, resources, strategies, campaigns, research
and other issues.

ETHICS

Dr. Juergen Hoehn
Therapeut, Berlin, Germany
110 Beziehungsstrukturen

Fritz Klein, Ph.D.
Psychiatrist & Author, San Diego USA
115 Zur Ethik Bisexueller Beziehungen
Paper (german???)

Jens Dobler
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120 Schwule Maenner, die Frauen lieben

Lynn Dobbs
San Diego USA
126 Polyamory - are we living "at choice" in our
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Regina Reinhardt Ph.D. / Fred Schwarz
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Relationships"

Clare Hemmings, Cand. Ph.D.
Centre for Women's Studies, Univ. of York, UK
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Dr. Ulrich Gooss
Frankfurt / M
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Bisexualitaet von Maennern
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116 Dual Attraction : Understanding Bisexuality:-
10 Year Long Time Study on Bisexuals in San
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There are about. 10 other events that still are unclear. If you think something is missing: we still accept proposals..

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Conference languages are English and German. We will try to provide interpreters at least for the larger events.

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A Registration Form has been included with this issue of National Biways magazine with additional forms available from the Australian Bisexual Network.

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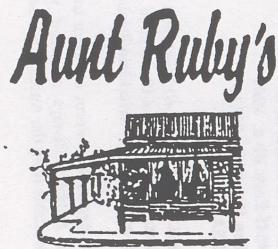
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Bi AIDS education needed

JO ALLEY

The "sexually adventurous", specifically bisexual men and their partners, have been targeted as needing HIV/AIDS research and education in a report by the South Eastern Area Health Service.

The report, which was launched on Tuesday in conjunction with a Sydney Men and Sexual Health (SMASH) study on bisexuality, states that approximately 20 percent of recorded Australian heterosexual transmissions for women are attributed to sex with a bisexual male.

"Research has shown that the work of the Women Partners of Bisexual Men project at the AIDS Council of NSW, and looking at the HIV zero-prevalence statistics, I became interested in developing strategies to reach female partners of bisexual men in southern Sydney," says Women and AIDS project officer, Jo Alley.

The report states that there are high levels of unprotected anal and vaginal sex between bisexual men and their partners, and stresses the need for increased funding initiatives to provide relevant education.

The SMASH study also recommends the need for HIV/AIDS education to specifically address bisexuality, and challenges preconceived notions of homosexuality.

"Previous studies challenged presumptions about heterosexuality, namely that sexual activity does not occur between straight men," says SMASH project coordinator Garrett Prestage.

"We have found that presumptions about homosexuality are equally inappropriate. Gay men do have sex with women."

Bisexuals, Swingers and the "Sexually Adventurous"

A new report launched by Colin Clews, Area HIV/AIDS Co-Ordinator, South Eastern Area Health Service, has identified a need for HIV/AIDS education and research relating to men who have sex with men and women (MSMW) as a specific target group.

The report cites evidence of:

- * a high proportion of HIV infections amongst Australian women attributed to sex with a bisexual male. (approx 20% of recorded heterosexual transmissions for women.)
- * high levels of unprotected intercourse occurring between men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgenders
- * a small but significant number of MSMW reporting unsafe sex with men and women
- * MSMW reporting inconsistent condom use with male partners
- * high levels of unprotected anal and vaginal sex occurring between MSMW and their casual and regular female partners.

"There is a need to provide education to a range of "sexual adventurous" MSMW, including swingers. Initiatives are required to reach MSMW through ostensibly heterosexual forums, such as sex contact magazines and to place MSMW education in the context of heterosexual culture," says Jo Alley, author of the report.

The report notes the importance of funding initiatives to educate MSM but points out that equitable funding has not been provided for women partners of bisexual men projects.

The report, "The missing half: women partners of bisexual men" will be launched at the National Centre of HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, 2nd Floor, 376 Victoria St, Darlinghurst, on Tuesday 7th November at 11 a.m. It will be launched in conjunction with the Sydney Men and Sexual Health Project report "Sexual identity and sexual behaviour with both men and women in a sample of homosexually active men."

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Ph (02) 5886777

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Area HIV/AIDS Co-Ordinator,
South Eastern Sydney Area Health
Ph (02) 5886777

Other News

Comment



Bi the way

By MARCUS MORGAN

THE PINK PAPER • 25 AUGUST 1995

The gay press can be a very schizophrenic. Take the coverage of bisexuals for example. Next month we hold our 13th national conference, a gathering from all over the country of activists, campaigners and ordinary folk, who happen to be bisexual.

It's a conference which is approached by major gay organisations whenever they want to sound out ideas and get a different, constructive opinion. Last year, Stonewall, this year the Pride Trust.

But while we try to work towards equality alongside lesbians and gays, while we chant your chants, wave your banners, contribute to your charities and serve in your bars, you do seem undecided about us.

While the Pink Paper seems to be going through a friendly phase, a recent article in another gay paper listed bisexuals alongside Tory MPs and mother's boys as candidates for "boyfriends from hell".

The article, dealing with crime, violence and dishonesty within relationships, includes no example of why bisexuals are so evil, but we are in the top ten people to avoid. To avoid as boyfriends; not as people to have sex with, but to avoid having a relationship with.

Why are bisexuals so evil? Is it because during the surgery which turns a nice gay boy into a slathering bisexual monster, his normal

libido is removed, and a three-ton replacement put in? It's a well-known fact, all a bisexual thinks about is sex. Sex, sex, sex. Not like normal men, het or gay, oh no. While fucking you, a bisexual is probably thinking about screwing your flatmate/neighbours/dog/wallpaper.

It's a well-documented fact that no bisexual has ever had a long-term relationship ever. And those who do, well, we make them swear on oath to always leave for someone of the opposite sex. I mean, gay men never fancy men other than their partners. That's why they are always faithful.

And as that nice David Blunkett pointed out, unsafe unprotected sex is not the act which puts you at risk from HIV. It's being a bisexual that puts you in the high risk group that causes AIDS.

Oh, and they eat babies too, apparently.

Bisexuals can be black, white, disabled, rich, poor, male, female, able-bodied, married, single, in a threesome, monogamous, parents, young, old, non-monogamous, semi-monogamous, polyamorous, omnisexual, transgendered, pansexual, SM, vanilla, nice or nasty. Any of these, okay?

But most of all, a bisexual is anyone who is capable, even if only in their dreams, of having sex with men and women.

• Marcus Morgan is chair of the London Bisexual Group.

Gay boy's so in love with girl!

I'M a sixteen-year-old boy with a steady girlfriend. Problem is, I'm gay.

I've known for a while and I'm happy to be gay. I love my girlfriend and enjoy sex with her, but I think my love is false.

I'd prefer it if she knew and we were best friends instead. I thought I was bisexual, but I know I'm not because I'm obsessed with men's bodies.

I know my girlfriend loves me and I don't want to hurt her, but I want to meet other gay lads of my age so I can talk about the way I feel.

★ JANE SAYS: Gay Switchboard (0171-837 7324) will put you in touch with local groups.

But don't rush to pin labels on yourself — a lot of people experiment sexually during their teens, and your feelings for your girl are true enough. You'll have dozens of relationships before you settle down. It's important to be comfortable about your sexuality—whatever it is.

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The Swingers Guide to safe fun times



Looks like Great Fun,
If you are into Swinging,
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Produced by the Australian Bisexual Network.

OutWrite Conference.

From: biact-1
Subject: Re: Progress
Date: Friday, 8 December 1995

From: "Roberts, Wayne" <RobertW@IFICRM001.PROSE.DPI.QLD.GOV.AU>

> Can you please post more info on what, when etc this OutWrite Conference is for us O/S readers. I will be going to Berlin for the International Bisexual Conference (May 24 - 27) so it would be interesting to see what else is happening about the place that I could possibly attend. >

The OutWrite conference is a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered writers conference. For the past several years it has been held in Boston in the dead of winter (hotels are cheaper then). There are speakers, workshops, vendors, a dance, and a poetry slam. I've always enjoyed the conference in past years. The dates are February 23rd - 25th.

I have registration information (but not in electronic form and not here where I'm typing), if you need it.
Wayne Bryant

On Zimbabwe.

From: Stephen Van Breda
To: Roberts, Wayne
Subject: Re: Zimbabwe
Date: Thursday, 14 December 1995

Mutare : Zimbabwe
14th December 1995.

Dear Wayne,
Thanks so much for your message.

Zimbabwe has not even considered bi-sexual persons and although GALZ does have very few bi-sexual members, we do try to include them in our organisation.

The heat is on the homosexuals and certainly President Mugabe and his Parliament have not started on bi-sexuals. I am not sure that they will but I very much doubt it. It would be very difficult to identify bi-sexuals and their "cover" is much stronger than that of homosexuals. From the few bi-sexuals people I have spoken to they are of the opinion that this is the 'homos' fight and are very reluctant to get involved.

I hope this answers your questions and I very much appreciate any suggestions or comments you might have so that we may involve bi-sexual people more.

Best,
STEVE

Stephen M Van Breda
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Mutare, Zimbabwe

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[My question to Steve was regarding the homophobic attitude of Zimbabwe President, Robert Mugabe, and his attacks on gay and lesbian people in Zimbabwe, if those attacks were also directed at bisexual people and whether bisexuals were involved in the struggle for gay / human rights in Zimbabwe. In August 1995, ABN sent a fax to South African President, Nelson Mandela, on the eve of a visit to South Africa by Mugabe, urging him to speak with Mugabe on the abuse of human rights of gay people in Zimbabwe. A reply from President Mandela's office was received by ABN stating that the matter would be considered by the President. Mugabe's anti-gay stance has been condemned world wide with protests in Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA, Sweden and South Africa to name a few.]

The 1996 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival.

The Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival Guide was launched in Sydney Tuesday 12th December. For the benefit of those of you outside Sydney, the following is a "summary" of major events from the guide. Note that quotes are taken from the guide, but I can't vouch for the accuracy of any information here. Check with Mardi Gras (mardigras@geko.co.au) for more information or a copy of the guide.

The 1996 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival Program.

Fri 2 Feb: FESTIVAL LAUNCH, Sydney Opera House Forecourt. Free

Fri 2 Feb - Fri 1 Mar, Mon-Sat: FESTIVAL CLUB, State Theatre Ballroom. \$25/15/10.

"A month of music and cabaret ... legends like Lana Cantrell and Paul Capsis will perform ... live music and a smorgasbord of guest stars."

Sat 3 Feb: THE STARS COME OUT, State Theatre. \$45/35/20. "The first annual Sydney G&LMG gala ... a glittering variety spectacular in the opulence of Australia's grandest and campiest venue!"

Mon 5 Feb - Fri 16 Feb: (M)ALICE, The Performance Space. \$22/19/16. "Following the runaway success of Talk of Mad Women in the 1993 and 1994 Mardi Gras Festivals ... Meet the three Alices, scene dyke, social misfit and shy, retiring beauty."

Tue 6 Feb - Sat 2 Mar: ERWIN OLAF, Roslyn Oxley 9 Gallery. Free. "The first solo show in the southern hemisphere of the unabashed work of Dutch artist, Erwin Olaf ... Jonathan Turner has brought together Olaf's best known images in sharp black and white, his recent large photographs in vivid colour and a loopy collection of filmed vignettes."

Tue 6 Feb - April: ABSOLUTELY MARDI GRAS, Powerhouse Museum. \$5/2. "An exciting and visually spectacular exhibition looking at the history and design of Mardi Gras. Features costumes, wigs, jewellery, a truckload of tulle, a sequin (or six thousand), latex, lycra and other Gras designer fabric faves."

Wed 7 Feb onwards: LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!, Footbridge Theatre. \$38/\$43.

"Eight gay men gather one summer over three holiday weekends in a Dutchess County Farmhouse. It is a time of passion, humour, resentment and fear."

Wed 7 Feb - Sun 3 Mar: INSIDEOUT, First Draft Gallery. "The art of Kaye Shumack and Grant Lingard entwines humour and poignancy with asthetic polish to create lasting reflections on the nature of identity and the experience of community."

Thu 8 Feb - Sat 17 Feb: 700 POSITIONS, State 2 Theatre. \$20/18/12. "Count them! And you will in this solo performance by Celia White ... a unique physical theatre that unravels the slippery variables of contemporary lesbian and sexual identities."

Thu 8 Feb - Sat 2 Mar: OUT OF THE FRAME, Tin Sheds Gallery. "Showcases the recent and exciting work of high-profile lesbian artists from Sydney and interstate."

Fri 9 Feb - Sat 24 Feb: ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS, Parade Theatre. \$20.

"An extraordinary tour-de-force for 25 actors, four singers and three musicians. Inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project and based on real-life stories, it presents a cross-section of American society affected in some way by the AIDS crisis."

Fri 9 Feb - Sun 17 Mar: [THE EXTRAORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF] THE SIZE-QUEEN CLUB, Cafe de Lane. \$32 (incl. meal). "Hilarity, madness, mayhem, smut and sex is guaranteed when the Size-Queen Club calls an extraordinary Annual General Meeting to ward off the powers of political correctness to close down the organisation."

Sat 10 Feb - Thu 22 Feb: CENTREFOLD, Elisabeth Gallery. \$20. "Join photographer Marion Moore as she unfolds the gender stereotyping at play in the ever-popular male centrefold ... the model for her solo exhibition is Bo, a female body-builder with a non-specific gender identity."

Sat 10 Feb - Thu 22 Feb: LIPSTICKS, Elisabeth Gallery. "An exhibition of photographic portraits using make-up to explore the fantasy self-concepts of gay men and lesbians."

Sat 10 Feb - Mon 4 Mar: SALACIOUS SILICA, Glass Artists Gallery. \$20. "Glass and its seductive qualities are dissected by lesbian professional glass artists celebrating Mardi Gras."

Sat 10 Feb - Sat 2 Mar: WORD OF MOUTH VI, The Performance Space Gallery. "Collective of talented, arty lesbians present their grass-roots visual and performing arts dykefest extravaganza."

Sat 10 Feb: THE GREAT DEBATE: IT'S BETTER TO BE LESBIAN THAN GAY. State Theatre. \$15.

"A riotously entertaining night of intellectual cross-dressing and opinionated sparring thinly disguised as a search for the meaning of life."

Sun 11 Feb (rain date Sun 18 Feb): MARDI GRAS FAIR DAY. Jubilee Park, Glebe.

Mon 12 Feb - Sun 25 Feb: OUT ART, ARDT Gallery. "Lesbian. Gay. Queer. Young. Older. New. Established. Sydney. Regional. Big. Small. Oils. Wood. Canvas. Plaster. 3D. Montage. Jewellery. Divine. Decadent. One Show. Out Art."

Wed 14, Wed 21 - Fri 23 Feb: LES NUITS D'ETC9, State Theatre Foyer. \$25/20.
"Four Nights of Glorious Chamber Music at the State Theatre."

Wed 14 Feb - Sun 17 Mar: CHRYSALIS, Gallery Savah. "Maree Azzopardi's extraordinary new exhibition Chrysalis documents her time spent at St. Vincents Hospital in its artist-in-residence program."

Thu 15 Feb - Sun 10 Mar: TWO CERAMIC ARTISTS, Craftspace. "Stephen Benwell and David Pottinger are two gay artists investigating = issues other than sexuality through their work."

Thu 15 Feb - Wed 28 Feb: MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL, Academy Twin Cinema. "Bigger and better than ever. Queer Screen has secured an exciting line-up of more than 30 new feature films from around the world - sparkling comedies, riveting dramas and surprising documentaries."

Thu 15 & Fri 16 Feb: BARBARA COOK: BETTER WITH A BAND, State Theatre. \$65/\$45.

"Barbara Cook is a great Broadway star. The original Marian in The Music Man, Cunegonde in Candide and star of revivals of Carousel, The King and I, Show Boat and Follies, Barbara Cook has won a Tony, a Grammy and a Drama Desk Award and has been inducted into the Broadway Hall of Fame."

Sat 17 Feb: STEP BACK IN TIME, Australian Museum. \$25. "Step back in time with Ignatius Jones and Pardon Me Boys - Australia's high-camp all-singing all-dancing retro-jazz-cabaret big band - as they reinvent the grand old days of Dance Hall swing at the Australian Museum. Swing to the hits of the 1995 Mardi Gras CD, including the We Are Family Fox-trot, the Disco Inferno Mambo and the Venus Samba."

Sat 17 Feb - Sat 20 Apr: THE DESTINY OF ME, New Theatre. \$20/15. "The New Theatre presents the Australian premiere of Larry Kramer's play The Destiny of Me especially for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival. From the company that brought you hit productions of The Boys in the Band and The Death of Peter Pan comes the frightening and inspiring companion piece to The Normal Heart."

Mon 19 Feb - Fri 1 Mar: cLUB bENT, The Performance Space. \$15/13/10. "cLUB bENT returns for another two weeks of the latest in queer cabaret. Delight to contemporary circ performance swinging above you funky dance numbers, new form drag, anti-drag, multi-media majesty, and poets and artists in provocative modes of performance."

Tue 20 Feb - Sat 16 Mar: RED RIDING HOOD, THE SPEED HUMP AND THE WOLF, Ensemble Theatre. \$39/45. "Little Red Riding Hood will never be the same again as national living treasure Reg Livermore makes his long-overdue Mardi Gras debut with this wicked hit."

Wed 21 Feb - Sun 3 Mar: N.B.K., First Draft Gallery. \$20. "Graphite and charcoal drawings, computer-manipulated photographs and computer-generated animation make up the three phases of N.B.K., a solo exhibition by Cairo Walker."

Thu 22 Feb - Fri 1 Mar: VENUS AND ADONIS, State 2 Theatre. \$25/23/20. "Shakespeare at his homoerotic best! Starring a gorgeous all-male cast ... this rarely-seen erotic poem is a fusion of contemporary dance, funky music and graphic sex."

Fri 23 Feb - Sun 3 Mar: THE AUSTRALIAN GAYMES '96, various venues. "The Australian Gaymes are a national sports festival held annually in turn by the gay and lesbian community in each Australian capital city. This year, coinciding with the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival, it's Sydney's turn!" Events include: pistol shooting, sailing, tennis, badminton, cycling, hockey, track and field, soccer, swimming, volleyball, golf, rollerblading, scuba diving, softball, squash, triathlon, touch football, chess, bootscoot, distance races, wrestling, tenpin bowling, recovery run.

Sat 24 Feb: OVER THE RAINBOW, Sydney Town Hall, \$25/20/15/10. "Featuring more than 200 singers from: Before You Were Blonde (Adelaide); Canberra Gay & Lesbian Quire; Gay & Lesbian Singers (Auckland); Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus; Perth Gay & Lesbian Choir and - of course - our very own famed Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir."

Sat 24 Feb: SHOP YOURSELF STUPID, Oxford St., King St. and side streets. To benefit the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation. "Food stalls, live theatre, roving "drag-mobiles", boy and girl windscreens washers and the creme de la creme of Sydney's drag queens out in force. Spend, spend, spend in the most outrageous shopping experience of the year!"

Sat 24 Feb: CUISINE ON THE GREEN, Taylor Square. "An alfresco dining experience and continual top-line entertainment, complementing BGF's activities on the day."

Sun 25 Feb: FROCKS ON THE ROCKS, The Rocks Square. "A day of relaxation and tranquillity in Sydney's most beautiful harbourside spot that promises to be a real drag. Forget Kate, Cindy and Naomi and catch some of the best drag shows in town whilst relaxing - inside or out - in one of the many cafes, bars and tantalising restaurants of The Rocks."

Tue 27 Feb: OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL MEETING, Taylor Square. "Experience the thrill of being harangued and lectured on the evils of the modern world; watch with awesome wonderment as sinners are healed; enjoy the charismatic tunes and croons of the Schola of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence as miracles are performed."

Wed 28 Feb: JUDI CONNELLI, State Theatre. \$35/25. "I had shivers of pleasure, of recognition, of astonishment and of awe. She is breathtakingly good ... the applause was tumultuous and richly deserved" - Sydney Morning Herald.

Thu 29 Feb: SANDRA BERNHARD, State Theatre. \$43/41. "Anti-icon. Joyfully Lesbian. Satirist and Shaman. Bad Girl. Sandra Bernhard."

Fri 1 Mar: SWIMMING CARNIVAL, Andrew "Boy" Charlton Pool. \$6/3.

Sat 2 Mar: PARADE AND PARTY.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Colonial History Walk with the Order of Perpetual Indulgence 10/2.

Boomerangs Harbour Cruise 24/2.

Bridge Tournament 4/2.

Bush Dance 23/2.

Bush Walk 21/2.

By The Sea, By The Sea, By The Beautiful Sea - ferry expedition to Manly with the Order of Perpetual Indulgence 25/2.

Discrimination, Harassment and Vilification - What are our rights in NSW? - forum 14/2.

Dykes Beyond the Ghetto: Let's Talk Anti-Violence - forum 3/2.

Harbourcity Hoe-down '96 28/2.

Kaos Comedy Theatre 22/2.

Mardi Gras Leather Cruise 29/2, 1/3.

Muff Divas and Drag Queens - history of G&L lives in NSW on radio 12/2 & 19/2.

Noughts and Crosses - play reading 24 & 25/2.

People Living With Fashion 20/2.

Sexual Story Telling - forum 17/2.

Steam Train Trip 25/2.

The Golden Mile - history walk down Oxford St. with the OPI 24/2.

The Wedding Party, Party - beach party 16/2.

Zoo Walk with OPI 28/2.

VISUAL ARTS EXTRA

Amazing Faces: Joerg Reitbacher Stuttman. 16/2 - 24/2.

An Octennial Arty Me: Lesbian women's art. 24/2 - 10/3.

Art From The Heart: AIDS-related works. 25/2 - 10/3.

Club Clone: Marcus Craig. 21/2 - 3/3.

Dekode: Multimedia S.M. by Sydney leather dykes. 15/2 - 23/2.

Every Man For Himself: Geoffrey Mason & Lance Feeney. 9/2 - 9/3.

Fabulous Flesh: Lesbian artists. 3/2 - 18/2.

Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum: Janice Raynor & Kerrie Lowe. 16/2 - 7/3.

Mardi Gras: Group show. 14/2 - 25/2.

Ooh Aah! It's Mardi Gras!: Photos of the 1995 parade by Jenny Templin. 14/2 - 17/3.

Passion and Power: Group show. 28/2 - 10/3.

The Hair Between the Teeth: 6 Lesbian Artists. 20/2 - 10/3.

Tom, Dick and Cock: Patrick Zac Cole-Baker & Markham Lane. 4/2 - 18/2.

Who's a Lady (Portraits of Painted Faces): Tony Thompson. 21/2 - 17/3..

With Grace, Glitz and Glam: photography. to 19/2.

DATES TO NOTE

1 April 1996: Ideas for 1997 Festival accepted by Mardi Gras.

10 May 1996: Applications to Festival Development Funding Scheme close. 12 July 1996: Applications for inclusion of visual arts events in the 1997 Festival close.

31 July 1996: Last day for Mardi Gras membership renewal. 31 August 1996: Applications for inclusion of all events (except visual arts) in the 1997 Festival close.

5 October 1996: Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras SLEAZE BALL.

1 March 1997: Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras PARADE AND PARTY.

BISEXUAL MEN and WOMEN will be able to purchase tickets & attend the 1996 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Party on March 1st if they are current financial members. SGLMG is still to decide if bisexuals and straights will be allowed membership in 1996-97. Sydney Bisexual Support Network & Canberra Region Bisexual Network will be in the Parade and hopefully ABN will be there again in 1996. Do come and join in or volunteer to help with the floats.

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This submission by the New Lesbian and Gay Voice is directed primarily to the lesbian and gay print media, as a means of distributing articles of possible interest to their readers.

The subject of this review, the movie "Carrington," opened throughout the USA in November. The author, Kenneth Athon is founder of Nashville, Tennessee's g/l/b weekly newspaper, XENOGENY, and has been active in gay causes for two decades. He and his partner now reside in Minneapolis.

We are using a new list of lesbian and gay print media that we have just obtained. It is possible that this list includes individuals who do not wish to receive further submissions from the New Lesbian and Gay Voice, or individuals who have previously requested that they be removed from our list. If this is so, we apologize, and

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Movie Review

"Carrington" Omits Lesbian Element of Artist's Life

by Kenneth Athon.

If you think your love life is a shambles, consider the case of Dora Carrington.

Born 1893 in England, Dora idolized her elderly father and practically hated her mother. Not educated formally in the British sense of the word, she nevertheless was able to attend a school of fine arts, where she developed her drawing and painting skills admirably. It was there that she began wearing her hair in a short "bob" style—the equivalent of today's teens' blue hair and pierced noses—and insisted on being called, simply, Carrington.

At art school, she was so popular that she had two suitors, who happened also to be best friends. Their love for Carrington ultimately destroyed their friendship. Both tried without success to simply seduce her and when that failed after years—not just weeks or months but years—of trying, both proposed marriage. Perhaps for the sake of the friendships and not wanting to alienate either of the boys, she steadfastly remained a virgin despite attempts by several mutual friends to convince her otherwise, and she married neither.

It was while still courting the more persistent of her young suitors, that she met an older writer, Lytton Strachey. It was an odd, awkward meeting; Strachey, seeing Carrington from afar, thought she was a young man and was literally speechless when he was formally introduced to her. Later, while Strachey was trying to convince Carrington that her

suitors was right for her, she professed her love for Strachey instead. It mattered not to her that Strachey was homosexual. In fact, she offered her virginity first to him, but he was impotent at the thought of hetero-sex.

Carrington was full of contradictions. She was a pacifist, yet professed a willingness to serve England in World War I, simply for the sake of service. She was heterosexual (primarily) but would neither marry nor consummate her relationships for the sake of love. When she did marry, it was for the sake of bringing her bisexual husband into a more permanent place in Strachey's—not her own—life. While married, she allowed her husband to have a live-in mistress while she carried on secret affairs.

While she could remain aloof from her suitors, husband and lovers, she was utterly devoted to Strachey. Drawings, sketches and paintings of Strachey adorned every wall in her house. It was, as she described, a self-debasing love, the love that puts self not second but last, an love wherein she not only doted on Strachey, but nursed his every ailment and even bathed him.

The new movie, "Carrington", by the screenwriter of "Dangerous Liaisons", is a sad portrait of the artist who could find no adequate meaning for her life other than loving men, principally Strachey, who could not love her with the same intensity. The story is framed, not by the development of her art or by some other measure, but by the men who were the center of her short life.

It's unfortunate that the film cannot tell the whole story of Carrington's life within this framework because it omits Carrington's one love interest that surpassed those of the men who had pursued her. In 1923, she fell in love with Henrietta Bingham, the daughter of the American ambassador. In a letter to a friend, Carrington related, "I am very much more taken with Henrietta than I have been with anyone for a long time. I feel now regrets at being such a blasted fool in the past, to stifle so many lusts I had in my youth, for various females." Carrington's biographer, Gretchen Gerzina, reports that Henrietta and Carrington were lovers, at least for a short while.

The film, "Carrington", opened nationwide in the USA in November. Despite its historical shortcomings, if the movie comes to a theater near you, see it. Stay for the final credits to see examples of Carrington's art, which is now coveted by collectors.

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The Australian Bisexual Network had been granted permission to reproduce the above review in National Biways magazine at no charge and we would like to thank New Lesbian and Gay Voice for permission to reprint. "Carrington" opened throughout Australia at about the same time as in the USA. Do endeavour to see it. Any movie that depicts Bisexual women and men, their lives and loves should be celebrated at the same time as we take a critical look at the way they are being portrayed to the general public. [Ed.]



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RESOURCES.

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Bisexual Community Centre is not in operation at the present time
but you can still write to or telephone ABN

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ABN is a national body for bisexual men, women, partners/families and bi and bi-friendly groups in Australia; is a member of International Lesbian & Gay Association; on the Australian Council for Gay & Lesbian Rights (Qld. Network).

ABN aims to:-

- foster the development of a bisexual movement/community in Australia & national/international networking & information sharing;
- link up socially and geographically isolated bisexual people;
- provide a voice on bisexual issues & rights & undertake research;
- develop a sense of pride and understanding in being bisexual;
- promote HIV/AIDS awareness, safe sex and sexual health education;
- advocate on behalf of bisexual people and their partners & families;
- produce a bi-monthly national news magazine by & for bisexual people;
- develop a national bisexual archives, resource & community centre.

For any information or support contact the ABN on
(07) 38572500 or outside Brisbane on 1800-653223.

Regional

QUEENSLAND: Queensland Bisexual Network:

- PO Box 490 Lutwyche Qld. 4030 (07) 38572500
- **Brisbane:** Wayne (07) 38572500 a/h;
- **Rockhampton:** Doulor (079) 277369
- For all women's & youth groups and Qld. country areas including Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Mackay, Mount Isa Townsville & Cairns: call ABN on (07) 38572500 or 1800-653223.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Sydney Bisexual Support Network:

- PO Box 281 Broadway NSW 2007
- 24hr Info 0055-25926
- **Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Group:** PO Box 429 Narrabeen NSW 2101 Sara (02) 2062026

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY:

Canberra Regional Bisexual Network: PO Box 458 Civic Square Canberra ACT 2608

VICTORIA: Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne:

- PO Box 38 Clifton Hill Vic. 3068 (03) 98770224 Mon-Tue 8-11pm
- **Australian Bisexual Men's Association Inc:** The Franklin Centre 14A Churchill Street Mont Albert VIC 3127 (03) 98901068, GAMMA Project & GAMMA-LINE counselling for bisexual & gay married men & their partners (03) 98990509
- **Families of Gay Lesbian & Bisexual People:** PO Box 2044 Kew VIC 3101 Linda (03) 98536614

TASMANIA: Hobart Bisexual Support Network:

Michael Dobber c/- TGLRG, GPO Box 1733 Hobart TAS 7001

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Adelaide Bisexual Collective:

PO Box 3391 Rundell Mall Adelaide SA 5000
Sabina (08) 3449241;

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Western Australian Bisexual

Network: information, no social activities
PO Box 1167 Canning Vale WA 6155;
Ian or Graham (09) 3542737 a/h

- **ENIGMA:** Support for past & present spouses of bisexuals (09) 4178935 or (09) 4465092.

On the Beat

Beats, public places where men met and have sex, can be fun and exciting, anonymous, frustrating, and downright dangerous. During our Australian Summer and holiday season, beats at parks, shopping centres and beaches are particularly very active. Because of this higher activity, they attract greater public attention and condemnation. Members of the public, neighbours may complain to the local council, shopping centre management or police and patrols may be stepped up to deter or catch beat users. If caught, it can be very embarrassing and even harmful as you are paraded through the police station, the courts and local press forever "outed" to your wife, family, friends, work mates and community.

Of course there is always the dangers of unsafe sex and the possibility of contracting a sexually transmitted disease even HIV if you slip up on some occasion. Give it to your spouse and you will surely have some explaining to do and it may lead to your relationship breakdown.

The other real danger due to greater beat usage is bashers, theives and extortionists. We reported in our last issue about a police crackdown at beats in Adelaide. In Brisbane over recent weeks there has been a serious spate of bashings and robberies at Albert Park and particularly Dutton Park beats. One ABN member was severely assaulted at Dutton Park. Other users have been bashed and robbed and one guy even had his car taken after being bashed.

If you must go out looking for sex, carry a whistle, don't go down dark or isolated tracks, don't go into toilet blocks at night, tell other users of signs of trouble, report any incidents to your state or local Anti Violence Group and/or to ABN. Ideally you should also report incidents to the Police so they can prevent it happening to someone else. Here are some numbers you can ring.

WA - Police Liasion Officer - Superintendent Peter Fredericks - (09) 222 1473.

- Gayline - (09) 328 9044

SA - Lesbian & Gay Community Action - (08) 3623106

NSW - Lesbian & Gay Anti Violence Project - (02) 3606687 or 1800-637360.

- For nearest Police Liasion Officer (02) 2810000.

QLD - Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Anti Violence Council - (07) 38442075, Hotline 0411231557

VIC - VAC Beats Team - (03) 98656700; 1800-134840

TAS - Tasmanian Gay & Lesbian Rights Group - 002-311452

Australian Bisexual Network - (07) 38572500 or toll free outside Brisbane on 1800-653223.

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT).

CANBERRA.

BI GUY cute blonde guy early 20's, Canberra, seeks males/females. I am 167cm tall, fit, professional. You 20 to 26 years also fit & attractive & non-scene. Code AC-T1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE.

COUPLE bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 35 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. Code SA-H1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MALE seeking similar Woman Friend to explore & enjoy life. High trust given and expected.....By a 43 yo male - very mildly bisexual & most comfortable in myself; tall, slim, attractive, well spoken & presentable - healthy, most aware, intelligent, vast interest range, open, unattached, debt free, warm, caring, no dark hang-ups from the past. Code SA-M1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MAN youthful 42 yo from north America, of Italian & German descent, clean, healthy, attractive, educated, non-scene. I am seeking a bi-lady who is seeking a relationship based on honesty and caring, who enjoys sharing herself and enjoys receiving respect from her man. I am Taurus the Bull and only seek compatible people. Children are most welcome as I am a father of two and I enjoy family life. Genuine responses welcome & I will answer all. Code SA-R1.

ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 30 seeks well hung guy 18 to 35 yrs for oral. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Send SSAE. All letters answered. Code SA-F1.

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

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ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 48, married, straight acting, 6ft tall, 73kg, med. build, healthy & fit, non-smoker, good-looking, would like to meet similar situated guy for meaningful friendship and safe fun times. Code SA-A2.

MODBURY / ADELAIDE.

BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 5'7" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc, seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. Code SA-M2.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE.

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1

CENTRAL COAST.

BI WOMAN - STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE attractive, slim active mid 40's, seeking a special female for a sincere supportive friendship / relationship. Would look forward to travel, theatre, bushwalking, beach. Single parent welcome. Code NS-H1.

LISMORE.

GORGEIOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

SYDNEY EASTERN SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN 36 yo Aust. mother, slightly plump, but happy and attractive, wanting to meet same in my area for discreet meetings. Prefer woman available during early afternoons and Wednesdays. No relationship, new to this life. Code NS-K1.

SYDNEY.

BI WOMAN attractive, slim bi feminine lady, 30 years old, medium length blond hair, blue eyes. I'm easy going & fun, enjoy movies, the beach, shopping, going out & nights at home. I am seeking a bi/gay female partner with "boyish charms" & a sense of humour or an attractive glam woman. I'm hoping for a loving, caring, sensual, sensitive relationship. A photo would be great. All letters answered. Code NS-T4.

SYDNEY.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F GENUINE, seeking other Bi couples for regular safe sex evening. We are mid 30's, clean, healthy, discrete, highly sexed and fun loving. All replies will be answered & photos can be posted in exchange for yours. Code NS-H2.

SYDNEY.

COUPLE, younger woman, older man, seek lovely Bi woman (NS) to be with. Interests are in the arts, children, healthy lifestyle, etc. Code NS-M5.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale (eg. a guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. Code NS-S3.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY young, slim, attractive, in cosy gay relationship seeks girl or slim M/F couple under 40 for occasional warm safe fun times. Code NS-P2.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 29 yo, average looks, 87 kg, seeks 30+ who is also married too teach inexperienced guy the ways, must be discrete, a mo a plus, first ad, all letters answered. Code NS-B4.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 35, slim, good looking, gentle, 6ft tall and healthy, seek safe fun times with slim guy, girl or couple under 40. I'm nervous at first but have open good humoured nature. Open to longer term relationship. Code NS-P3.

SYDNEY.

BI MALE seeking easy going bi (female/male) couple, for correspondence and relationship. I travel regularly inter-state, am married so confidentiality a must. Photo please. Code NS-T2.

SYDNEY, NSW to GOLD COAST, QLD.

BI GUY 37yr, traveller seeks similar guy to cruise the night spots to pick up girls - if not we have each other. Enjoys oral. Code NS-J1.

TWEED HEADS.

WHERE do all the Bi men, women & couple disappear to after the age of 55. The straights, gays & lesbians continue on satisfactorily, why can't we? Come on all you 55 plus people, lots of living & loving still left in this bi man, so lets get together. Code NS-D3.

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN early 40's wishes to meet slim bi lady who does not mind if a man joins in. Code QD-J6.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN 40, teacher, seeks similar bi or gay woman for friendship, mutual support and understanding. Code QD-B1.

BRISBANE.

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE seeks company of Bi woman/lesbian to share own home at Carindale. Prefer responsible, non-smoker who likes dogs. For more details contact Wendy. Code QD-S16.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. Code QD-S13.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN STRAIGHT MAN COUPLE mid 30's wish to meet Bi lady for friendship, social outings and fun. Discretion assured and expected. Code QD-M6.

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE.

BISEXUAL GUY seeks a Bi woman aged 25 to 40 for friendship and possible relationship with a view to introducing her to my Bi-curious female partner. Code QD-C11.

BRISBANE.

BI-GUY attractive, 58kg, 30 yo, slim medium build, would love to meet other guys, crossdressers, trannies, age open and should be smooth bodied. I have been a crossdresser, could try again with anyone will to experience good safe fun. discrete, write with phone number, ALA. Code QD-I2.

BRISBANE .

BI GUY sincere 22 yo bi, attractive, tanned, 172cm, fit, 70kg, smooth skin, straight acting, non-smoker, non-scene, likes travel, movies, swimming seeks similar young man for friendship and safe discrete sex at your place if right. Code QD-T4.

BRISBANE / WINDSOR.

BISEXUAL GUY good looks, late 20's, like to try Bisex with couple. I like movies, dining out/in, non-smoker, fit & tanned, anything safe if suited. Your photo & phone no. get mine. Please send detailed letter. ALA Trannies okay. Code QD-D8.

BRISBANE / SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI GUY 23 yr old seeking Bi/gay guy up to 30 yo for friendship / relationship. I have blue eyes & mousy blond hair, 6ft 1in, with good body as I work out daily. I am seeking a similar guy who preferably has a great build & near to my height, (footballers, bodybuilders, etc I like). A non-smoker & social drinker would be preferred. No drugs or sexual hang-ups please. For a quick reply, a photo and phone number would be nice. (PS If you know anyone who may be interested please pass this ad on to them.) Code QD-P3.

BRISBANE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall seeks the company of an attractive feminine Bi lady 30-40 with or without her partner for social & intimate times. All letters answered please include a photo/ph no. Code QD-S12.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 20, good looks, would like to meet guys under 30. Must be smart, intelligent and good looking with a personality to match. Code QD-S17.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY early 40's recently separated seeking companionship of similar person, married or single, complete discretion assured. Code QD-R18.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY married, mid 30's straight acting, 178cm tall, 72kg, fair complexion wishes to meet similar situated guy or gay couple. Prefer your place. Discretion given & expected. Code QD-S8.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 40 slim smooth body seeks bi guy rugged looks hairy body solid build, mo or beard for mutual oral sex. Like cuddling, kissing, aim to please the right man in every way. Phone, address for quick reply. All letters answered. Code QD-R12.

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 58 yo 186 cm 98 kg married wants to meet another guy for friendship and regular safe meetings, south western suburbs prefered. **Code QD-K2.**

BRISBANE.

GUY 40 seeking guys 25 and over, tallish with a sense of humour, working, intelligent. I am 6 ft, 90 kg bearded (for now), hairy and tanned, self employed, independent, relationship considered. **Code QD-W5.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 29yo chunky guy average looks seeks guys, girls, trans or couples for fun & friendship & sex if we are suited. All letters answered. Photo & phone if possible. **Code QD-D5.**

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. **QD-R13.**

CABOOLTURE.

BI WOMAN 25 yo. Looking to meet similar woman for friendship \ relationship. I have shoulder length blond hair, blue eyes, 173 cm tall & about 70 kg. easy going down to earth kind of person who enjoys the outdoors, camping on the beach, good parties and also quiet nights at home. Photo would be great & all letters answered. **Code QD-W4.**

GOLD COAST.

BI WOMAN 24 yo seeking a woman for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy life, am easy going and like good food, wine and company. **Code QD-D7.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL LADY WANTED I am a 31 yo buxom married Bi lady wishing to meet a very similar lady for very close friendship & outings of all sorts, from raging to romantic dinning and all places in between. I am a private non-groupie type, non-smoker, social drinker, honest & reliable. I am tripping to Melbourne in a few months & would love some company. I enjoy body building, music etc. I am looking for a non fake, non-smoker, down to earth genuine lady who is not afraid to be just the way she is. I have an inground pool & & would love to spend many oil rubbed sensuous days relaxing & swimming there with the right lady. Summer is now upon us. I adore touching, kissing, hugging, walking hand in hand on the beach appeals to me but then so does go-cart racing. This is a first for me, I'm nervous & anxious & hoping there is a great friend out there just waiting to happen. If you're buxom & real please send a photo & letter. I will answer you with same. P.S. What star sign are you? **Code QD-L7.**

GOLD COAST / BRISBANE.

GUY 38 years, slim, would like to try safe sex with couple, have never had a Bi experience but willing to try. This is my first ad. Please reply with photo & phone number for quick reply. **Code QD-J3.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 34 yo, slim likes home life, movies, parties, bush, occassional nightclubs, seeks guy of similar age. **Code QD-O2.**

GOLD COAST.

BI MAN 50 single, want to meet younger couples for friendship or relationship and having good times. Also a good looking young woman or guy, slim and having a happy smiling face. Must be easy going in nature. I am 1.80m tall, black hair, brown complexion with Mediterranean looks, a moustash & weigh 83kg. Photo & phone number would be nice. Discretion assured & expected. See you girls, guys & couples. **Code QD-V1.**

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GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 yo slim, 5'8", fit & healthy. I'm a sole parent, currently also involved with a woman, (understanding of my needs). I'm seeking other young bi males for friendship. **Code QD-S9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY slim, attractive 30 year old seeks young transvestite or young couple to 28 years of age for good safe time. Photo appreciated. **Code QD-K1.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY fit, well built guy early 30's, looking for couple/s to enjoy life. I love surfing, music, outdoors & generally easy going, social drinker, etc. I am clean, safe sex conscious. Enjoy most things. Keen to hear, please include phone number. **Code QD-M9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI INCLINED GUY 39 180cm slim with straight attractive girlfriend looking for nice couple for 3 possibly 4 some. Non-smokers only. Absolutely clean. Total discretion expected. Photo & phone number appreciated. **Code QD-C8.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL COUPLE seek Bi-sensual couple with similar out look on life. We are 31, non fake, nature loving non-smokers, social drinkers, non pushy, fun loving, homely relaxed couple. We enjoy everything from gardening to go-kart racing. Most of all we are honest people interested in a long term relationship. If you fit this ad at all then please don't be shy...drop us a line or ten, perhaps a photo and phone number. We promise to answer your ad the same day. Until then create a great day! **Code QD-L7.**

LOGAN VILLAGE.

BI WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. **Code QD-R15.**

MACKAY & DISTRICTS.

BI GUY married 46 years old, slim, fit, good looking, would like to meet similar bi guy or couple for good safe fun. **Code QD-C7.**

MONTVILLE / SUNSHINE COAST.

COUPLE seek Bi lady between 20 and 40 if you are attractive, homely & lonely & need loving, we are here for you. Wife 37 Asian with body of 18 yo, husband 50 English (could be father figure for you). We live in the Blackall Rangers, peaceful country living, into the arts, painting, sculpture, massage, tarot, i ching, channelling, troilism etc. Living a quiet but happy life 7 we need to share our good life. We are offering you to share our home and us. Wife loves Bi movies & is ready for the real thing. Husband will just go with the flow so please come & help her find herself. We are both fairly fit, non-smokers, very layed back, lots more to offer, photo would be nice & a phone number & start from there. You could come for a few days to see first. **Code QD-C10.**

QLD. & NSW.

BI GUY 37 slim hot & long, longs for loving couple to please. Enjoys male to male sex with wife present, loves massage, oral, foreplay, safe sex, ALA. **Code NS-J2.**

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI COUPLE 23/33 seek Bi lady, Bi male or couple, any age for fun times, local area only as we can not travel. ALA. Photo & phone number please. **Code QD-S14.**

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI GUY professional, mid 30's, good body seeks similar guy for meaningful friendship, discretion required and given as I am married to a straight lady. Phone number appre. **Code QD-M13.**

ROCKHAMPTON & CENTRAL QLD.

RETIRED BI GENT seeking younger guy for loving caring friendship. No drugs. Sincere guy please. All letters answered. **Code QD-H7.**

SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI COUPLE 27/29 married couple with young family wish to meet same for outings, smokers & social drinkers, likes are camping, fishing, nudist clubs (on a quiet level), no sex needed, just company of like minded people, attractive slim couple (photo appreciated) Any area in S.E. Queensland. **Code QD-B17.**

SOUTH EAST QLD.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 43 yrs seeks Bi woman for long term F/R/ship. We're an easy going fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. **Code QD-H4.**

SOUTH EAST QLD / NORTHERN NSW.

BI GUY keen photographer interested in taking sensuous clad or nude photographs of other guys, girls, couples, groups, at home, on the beach, in the bush, the street, where ever makes a great shot. If you are interested then drop me a line with phone number so we can have a chat about it first. Code QD-R16.

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

BI GUY 54 yo, 6'2", 100kg, like to meet other guys for safe hot fun times, love giving oral. Age open. I am easy going, sense of humour, clean, genuine, enjoy most things. All letters welcome & answered, phone number nice, discretion assured & expected.

Code QD-B16.

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TOOWOOMBA.

BI GUY 32 from overseas seeks f/ship or r/ship with Bi female, transvestite & couples. Seeking mutual respect & discretion. All letters welcome & answered, ph number if possible. Code QD-D9.

TOWNSVILLE / ANYWHERE.

MALE/FEMALE PENPALS WANTED I'm 30 yo guy and would like to meet people who are open minded & understanding people. I am currently serving a sentence. All letters answered. Tom Enever, PO Box 5574 MSO, Townsville, QLD 4810.

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy nude recreation & have a secure career. Code QD-S15.

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and games. I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of speedos then contact me. Code QD-E2.

VICTORIA (VIC).

DIGGERS REST.

COUPLE 22/24 seeking a Bi lady to fulfil wife's dream of F/F/M. Husband is straight. We are easy going, happy couple who love sex & each other. If you're horny include phone number for quick reply as we are waiting. Code VI-N1.

MELBOURNE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall handsome seeks uninhibited attractive Bi Lady for friendship. I will reply quickly and discretely. Photo appreciated & returned. Code VI-B2.

MELBOURNE / WINDSOR.

BI GUY straight acting type of dude, seeking a Bi girl, Bi guy or Bi couple for friendship & a relationship. I'm 6' tall, well presented, cleanliness & discretion assured. Easy to get along with & enjoy getting the most & best out of life. All letters answered. Would also like to correspond with anybody from other States. Code VI-J1.

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall and need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 yo. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, I do want a lasting thing. No one-nighters. Code VI-H1.

MELBOURNE.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F seeking Bi couple for all combinations of safe sex and fun times. We are mid 30's, early 40's medium builds, good average looks and seek similar couples. Please include phone number. Code VI-D1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 34 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman.* Code WA-J1.

MAYLANDS / PERTH.

BI GUY 44yrs 5'8", fit, healthy, like to try passive role while cross dressed. Average looks, build. Limited experience in this type of sex. Code WA-M3.

PERTH.

BI GIRL/STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE Bi girl 26, straight man 31 seek friendship, relationship with Bi girl. We are an attractive & loving couple and wish to meet a genuine Bi girl to share new experiences & fun times. Discretion assured & expected. Photo please. Code WA-S5.

PERTH.

FRIENDLY PENPAL WANTED. I am a 27 yo inexperienced Bi female who has no Bi friends to talk/write to and wants someone to share letters, stories or just to have a conversation with. All letters answered - I promise! Code WA-W6.

PERTH.

BI GIRL 25 seeks f.ship + r.ship with lady any age. Couples welcome as a guy would be nice also. Photo please. ALA. Code WA-R5.

PERTH.

BI GUY 37 yrs, reasonable looks/build, active sportsman, steady professional job, enjoys dinner parties, music, relaxing with friends seeks Bi girl/couple for long term friendship/relationship. Non-smoking preferred. Code WA-P3.

PERTH.

BI GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. Code WA-B2.

PERTH - VICTORIA PARK.

PREOPERATIVE MALE-FEMALE TRANSEXUAL 37, seeks new friends to help explore her sexuality. I can only do this with people I like and trust, not with strangers. My interests include art, bulldada, books, science fiction, folk music, comics, films and eating out. I do not smoke or drink much but enjoy good conversation and food. Not into bondage but willing to try most safer sex practices. Code WA-D5.

OVER SEAS (OS).

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to estasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

BISEXUAL WOMAN attractive, Indonesian, 30's, on the go business woman, visits Brisbane and Sydney and other Asian cities regularly would like to meet bisexual women and other ABN members for coffee, dinner, nights out and fun times during my visits. Code OS-N1.

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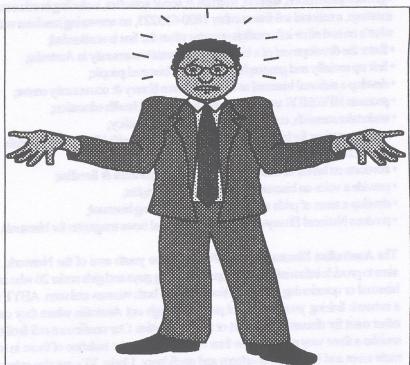
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About ABN.

The Australian Bisexual Network (ABN) is a national network of bisexual women, transsexuals and men, partners of bisexual people and bisexual and bi-friendly groups and services. ABN does not claim to represent all bisexual identified or bisexually active people but does offer a voice for diverse as they are in lifestyles, people united by their sexuality. ABN is a member of International Lesbian & Gay Association & hosts ILGA's Bisexual Information Pool. ABN is represented at meetings of the Australian Council for Lesbian & Gay Rights (Qld. Network) and co-operates with a range of groups & services Australia wide.

ABN consists of a Brisbane based committee along with a National Council consisting of regional representatives from the states & territories and from various special interest groups. National Co-Convenors, one female & one male are selected from those on the National Council.

ABN is not funded by government or any other organisations for the day to day operations. Your membership, donations and support keeps the movement, Network & magazine going. Do join or make a donation. Membership of ABN is only \$20 pa, \$15 concessional, \$25 organisations. Volunteers are always needed to help out.

Our Aims.

The Australian Bisexual Network endeavours to:-

- provide information, support, referrals & social activities, including brochures, meetings, a national toll free number 1800-653223, an answering machine with what's on and other information operates when the line is unattended;
- foster the development of a bisexual movement/community in Australia;
- link up socially and geographically isolated bisexual people;
- develop a national bisexual archives, resource library & community centre;
- promote HIV/AIDS awareness, safe sex & sexual health education;
- undertake research, conduct projects and develop policy;
- support services for bisexual youth, women, people with HIV / AIDS, people from NESB & partners of bi people;
- advocate on behalf of bisexual people and their partners & families;
- provide a voice on bisexual issues and bisexual rights;
- develop a sense of pride and understanding in being bisexual;
- produce National Biways, a bi-monthly national news magazine for bisexuals.

The Australian Bisexual Youth Forum is the youth arm of the Network. It aims to provide information and support to young guys and girls under 26 who are bisexual or questioning their attractions towards both women and men. ABYF is a network linking young bisexual people through out Australia where they can either meet for discussion, support or social activities. Our conference call facility enables a three way conversation thus breaking down the isolation of those in remote areas and building self-esteem and confidence. Under 30's are also catered for on special rights or socials.

The Partners Support Project provides information & support for the partners or family of bisexual men and women. Books, articles & brochures are available.

Our History.

1990 - A group of bisexual men and women carrying a banner saying "Bisexuals are Everywhere", marched in the first Pride March for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender people in Perth, Western Australia as part of the first October Pride Festival.

1991 - They again marched in the Stonewall and Pride Marches in 1991. In October a meeting of interested Bi people was held in Fremantle and a follow up meeting in November in Perth saw the founding of the Western Australian Bisexual Network.

1992 - WABN holds regular meetings and socials and from March produces a newsletter called, *Biways*. During October's Pride Festival, WABN hosted the first Australian National Bisexual Conference in Perth. A resolution from the Conference was the establishment of a national network, the Australian Bisexual Network and a national newsletter. In November, Bisexuals in Adelaide formed the South Australian Bisexual Network. This was followed later the same month in Sydney with the formation of Love Is Boundless, a group of bisexuals and transgenderists. In December an Australian Bisexual Network banner is displayed for the first time at a protest in Adelaide.

1993 - The Australian Bisexual Network is based in Brisbane and releases the first *National Biways* in February in time for the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras. Love is Boundless has a small float in the Mardi Gras Parade and the ABN banner accompanies Sydney group in Parade. In March the first meeting was held in Brisbane followed by a forum on Bisexuality in April and the establishment of the Queensland Bisexual Network. QBN groups form on the Sunshine Coast, in Townsville and the Gold Coast. LIB changes name to Sydney Bisexual Support Network. ABN/QBN set up Bisexual Resource & Drop-In Centre at East Brisbane from October.

1994 - Centre opens. SABN becomes Adelaide Bisexual Collective. Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne forms followed by Canberra Regional Bisexual Network. SBSN, ABN & ABC on float in Mardi Gras Parade. Rockhampton forms while Perth, Sunshine Coast & Townsville fold. ABN represented at International Bisexual Conference in New York, joins ILGA and marches in Stonewall 25 Parade to Central Park. QBN receives grant from Qld. Drug Offensive to produce information for bisexuals. Bi Centre closes in October.

1995 - New Bisexual Community Centre opens at New Farm. ABN and SBSN again in Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade. ABN receives funding for computer & office equipment. ABN is represented at two queer youth & student conferences in Melbourne & at the ILGA World Conference in Rio de Janeiro. Centre forced to close by October & lobbying for funds commences. Bisexual women's groups form in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast. ABN is represented at three major conferences in Sydney. New brochure, Women, Bisexuality & Sexual Health launched at NSW HIV/AIDS Health Promotion Conference, Sydney in November.

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As the title of the conference suggests, the time has come to re-evaluate the models of desire that have informed HIV prevention education. Desire should no longer be conceptualized as a biological and individual phenomenon managed by rational cost/benefit calculations. Desire is psychologically, culturally and historically constructed and signified at the level of dyadic relationships, communities, subcultures, and the wider social structure. What has been the role of HIV prevention education in inciting and delimiting the expression of desire? To what extent do prevention messages create backlash and spaces for transgressive subjectivities enacted through unsafe sexual practices? Other controversies to be explored during the conference include the "negotiated safety" model and the ideological impact of serial monogamy on prevention messages, the relative risks of oral sex, the implications of home HIV testing, the politics of needle exchange, outreach to sex workers, the "de-gaying" of prevention messages, promoting "negative pride," and empowering women's agency in safer sex practices. In order for the conference to have a lasting impact, presentations will be followed by small group discussions, networking and strategizing that will provide a unique opportunity for researchers and service providers to critique and develop prevention strategies. The conference is aimed at tackling these controversies from a pragmatic and future oriented perspective. Please join us.

From: Roberts, Wayne
To: Irene Nixica
Subject: Managing Desire: HIV Prevention Strategies for 21st Century.
Date: Friday, 8 December 1995

Dear Irene

Could you please forward more information on this conference to us and whether you feel it would be appropriate to Australian Bisexuals. I have a Bachelor of Social Work, have worked briefly for Queensland Government Health Dept. in Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS but do most of my work as a volunteer co-ordinator of the Australian Bisexual Network, an unfunded grassroots network of and for bi men and women, partners and bi groups. We are far too often left out on consultations, research programs, policy development and conferences and information sharing. We have just released a brochure titled, Women, Bisexuality and Sexual Health and in January will release one titled, The Swingers Guide to Safe Fun Times, addressing HIV/AIDS, safer sex and sexual health issues for individuals and couples who swing. I look forward to hearing from you about this conference, perhaps I could present a paper on Bisexuality, Recognition and HIV Prevention.

Regards

Wayne Roberts

Australian Bisexual Network PO Box 490 Lutwyche Brisbane Queensland Australia 4030 tel. 61-7-38572500

From: ijuly

To: Roberts, Wayne

Subject: Managing Desire: HIV Prevention Strategies for 21st Century.

Date: Saturday, 9 December 1995 1:23PM

Dear Wayne,

Thanks for writing about the conference. I think the best person to contact for more information would be:
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Medical Anthropology Program, 232 Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley 94720-3710

I've cc'd your letter on to him. He's actually the one getting it together. I'm working on queer stuff, but not this project so much, I just passed the info along. But hey, if you come in for the conference, give a shout and I'll take you around some of the queer/bi stu that's happening over here, and ask you more about what you're working on. Take care, and I'm glad to get just a snippet of what's going on in OZ!

Irene

From: Nicolas Maurice Sheon

To: RobertW

Subject: Managing Desire: HIV Prevention Strategies for the 21st century

Date: Sunday, 10 December 1995 2:09PM

Dear Wayne,

I was forwarded your query about whether the conference was an appropriate forum for the discussion of Australian bisexuals. As the organizer of the conference, I am very interested in the paper topic you propose on bi's, recognition and safe sex. I'm not sure exactly what your question is getting at in terms of the appropriateness of the conference. I can tell you how I envision the conference. It's small, focused primarily on networking, discussion, and sharing of experience, and secondarily on presenting papers and projects. It lasts for two days and I envision a total of eight sessions or panels with two going on simultaneously. The presentations will focus on the practicalities of prevention work, and the idea is to bring academics and prevention workers (obviously not always distinct species) together to reflect on past efforts and strategise on sustainable future prevention programs.

Please let me know if this answers your question and also if there are other Australians interested in attending the conference. The sooner I know the better so that I can organize panels accordingly. Also let me know if you would need information on accommodations.

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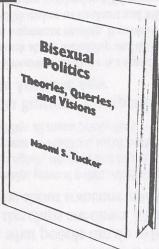
The authors are based in Sydney at the University of Western Sydney and the University of Sydney. If you know their e-mail addresses I would be very grateful to have them forwarded to me. Thank you. Nicolas.

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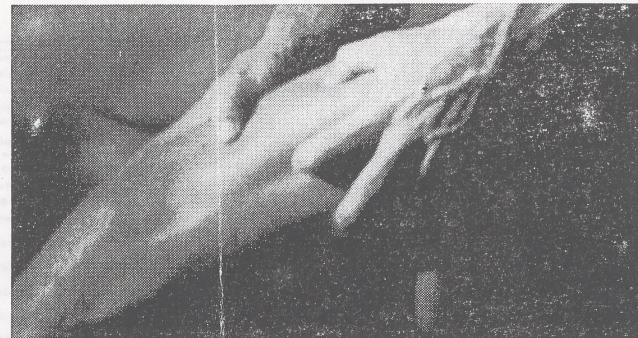
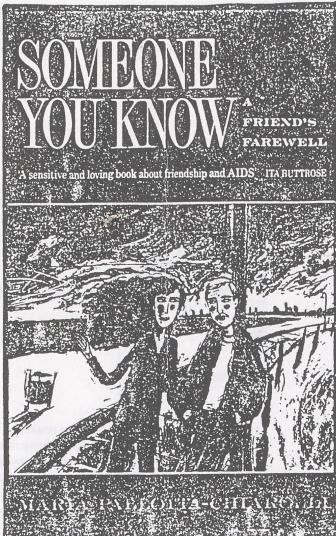
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